



# California Fair Political Practices Commission

December 21, 1987

Anita M. Policht  
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Twain Harte, CA 95383

Re: Your Request for Informal Assistance  
Our File No. I-87-285

Dear Ms. Policht:

We have received your letter regarding the exclusion of persons who sign a recall petition from working as election officers for that recall election.

The Fair Political Practices Commission has authority to interpret and enforce the Political Reform Act. <sup>1/</sup> The Political Reform Act was established for several purposes, some of which are disclosure of sources of campaign contributions, disclosure of assets and income of public officials, disqualification of public officials from decisions which could affect their private financial interests, and regulation of the activities of lobbyists to prevent improper influences on public officials.

The question you pose in your letter is not covered by the Political Reform Act; therefore, we cannot advise you on this matter. It would be more appropriate for you to direct your question to the Elections and Political Reform Division of the Secretary of State's Office.

Sincerely,

Diane M. Griffiths  
General Counsel

By: Jeanette Turvill  
Legal Assistant

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<sup>1/</sup> Government Code Sections 81000-91015. All statutory references are to the Government Code unless otherwise indicated.

November 6, 1987

Fair Political Practices Commission  
428 J St.  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sir:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the legality of the exclusion of election officers on a recall election.

The inspector from Train Route District #1 stated "anyone signing any petition relating to a recall would not be able to work on the January recall election".

The 2000 people who signed the recall of Jerry Bellah, Supervisor were assured that their names would be checked for voter registration and then sealed. The reason for this was a newspaper article from Mr. Bellah stating that he would contact everyone of the signers personally.

It now appears that these names have been released in order to keep the signers off the election board.

The Clerk Auditor, Lawrence Lee stated when questioned that a "mistake was made by the inspector and only those people who circulated the petition would be barred from working.

I feel that this action is punitive and could apply to other areas of government on levelment in which the supervisors have control.

The California Election Officers Digest does not state that election officials are restricted for signing or circulating a petition, but I would appreciate any additional information you could provide.

Very truly yours,

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# California Fair Political Practices Commission

November 18, 1987

Anita M. Policht  
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Re: 87-285

Dear Mrs. Policht:

Your letter requesting advice under the Political Reform Act was received on November 10, 1987 by the Fair Political Practices Commission. If you have any questions about your advice request, you may contact Jeanette Turvill, in the Legal Division, directly at (916) 322-5901.

We try to answer all advice requests promptly. Therefore, unless your request poses particularly complex legal questions, or more information is needed, you should expect a response within 21 working days if your request seeks formal written advice. If more information is needed, we will contact you shortly to advise you as to the information needed. If your request is for informal assistance, we will answer it as quickly as we can. (See Commission Regulation 18329 (2 Cal. Adm. Code Sec. 18329).)

You also should be aware that your letter and our response are public records which may be disclosed to the public upon receipt of a proper request for disclosure.

Very truly yours,

*Diane M. Griffiths*  
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